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HOUSE MEMORIAL 9

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A CONTINUATION OF THE 2009 REVIEW OF THE STATE'S
CURRENT AND FUTURE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
FUNDING STRATEGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, in 2007, House Memorial 35 was approved and in
2009, House Memorial 5 was approved and committees were formed
to identify appropriate funding strategies for a sustainable
transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the committees formed pursuant to House Memorial
35 and House Memorial 5 convened numerous times and provided
valuable input to the legislature regarding transportation
funding; and

WHEREAS, problems and concerns that were studied by the
committees are serious and ongoing; and

WHEREAS, state and local transportation agencies continue

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1 to experience funding shortfalls due to decreases in revenues
2 and the erosion of the purchasing power of revenues due to
3 inflation, traffic increases and infrastructure growth; and

4 WHEREAS, this situation continues to affect ongoing
5 maintenance and operations for highway and street
6 infrastructure as well as other forms of transportation; and

7 WHEREAS, the residents of the state are increasingly
8 dependent on alternative modes of public transportation; and

9 WHEREAS, the state, counties, municipalities and tribes
10 have different and equally compelling needs to maintain and
11 improve transportation infrastructure;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
14 of transportation be requested to appoint a technical committee
15 whose members shall include representatives of the department
16 of transportation, taxation and revenue department, New Mexico
17 division of the federal highway administration, associated
18 contractors of New Mexico, American council of engineering
19 companies of New Mexico, New Mexico passenger transportation
20 association, regional planning organizations, metropolitan
21 planning organizations, New Mexico municipal league, New Mexico
22 association of counties, New Mexico trucking association, other
23 transportation and aviation associations, chambers of commerce
24 and other interested business and community leaders; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the technical committee be

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1 requested to develop an education campaign to inform the
2 residents of New Mexico on the current state of the
3 transportation system and the importance of preserving,
4 maintaining and enhancing the transportation infrastructure for
5 the future of New Mexico and to recommend alternative funding
6 strategies to be available for use by decision-makers to aid in
7 addressing sustainable transportation systems for New Mexico;
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of this effort be
10 submitted to the governor and the appropriate interim
11 legislative committee no later than November 15, 2010; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation
14 and the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.